

CLAIMS:

1. A method of accessing information represented by an image on a graphical display of a portable electronic device, the method comprising:

displaying at least part of the image on a display of the device, the image including indicators representing respective items defined by a user of the device;

assigning respective labels to the indicators included in the image;

displaying the labels on the image with the respective indicators;

receiving an input symbol from a user of the device;

comparing the input symbol with the labels displayed on the image; and

if the input symbol matches a label displayed on the image, retrieving information relating to the item represented by the indicator to which the label is assigned, and displaying the retrieved event information on the display device of the portable electronic device.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the image is a calendar image and the indicators relate to events.

3. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the symbol is input via a voice signal.

4. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the symbol is input by the user via a keypad of the device.

5. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the portable electronic device is a mobile telephone.

5 6. A method of accessing information represented by a graphical information indicator on a display, the method comprising displaying graphical information indicators on a display device, assigning respective labels to displayed indicators, displaying the labels, receiving a input symbol from a user, matching the
10 input symbol with a displayed label, and displaying information represented by the information indicator to which the matched label is assigned.

15 7. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the graphical display is a calendar display.

20 8. A portable electronic device comprising a display device for displaying graphical images, and a control unit which is operable to cause at least part of an image to be displayed on the display device, the image including indicators representing respective items defined by a user of the device, wherein the control unit is operable to assign respective labels to the
25 indicators included in the image, to cause the labels to be displayed on the display device with the respective indicators, to receive an input symbol from a user of the device, to compare the input symbol with the displayed labels, and, if the input symbol matches a displayed label, to retrieve information relating to
30 the item represented by the indicator to which the label is assigned, and to display such retrieved information on the display device.

35 9. A device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the image is a calendar image and the indicators relate to

events.

10. A device as claimed in claim 8, including means
for receiving a voice input signal, and the input
symbol is a voice signal.

11. A device as claimed in claim 8, including a
keypad, the input symbol being input via the keypad.

12. A device as claimed in claim 8, being a mobile
telephone.